

# HOME RULE FOR ALASKA A NON-PARTISAN PATRIOTIC BILL

Representative Sulzer of New York Points Out the way to do  
The Right Thing by Alaska "Alaska is God's Country."

Mr. Sulzer. Mr. Chairman, Alaska is a wonderland. Most of the people of our country have no idea of the vastness of her borders, the extent of her domain, the grandeur of her scenery, the salubrity of her climate, the greatness of her mountains, the length of her rivers, the limitless possibilities of her fisheries, her forests, her grazing advantage for sheep and cattle, her splendid agricultural resources, her incalculable mineral wealth and her homes for the multitude in the land up there that spells opportunity for the earnest worker and the brave pioneer.

Alaska would make 47 states of the size of Rhode Island. She has the greatest gold and copper and lead and coal and tin deposits in North America. Alaska has 599,446 square miles of territory—more than 383,645 acres of land—and the greatest fishing waters in all the world, teeming with the best food fish on earth. Alaska is God's country.

Alaska is over twice the size of the German empire; 14 times the size of the state of New York, and has more copper known today than Michigan and Arizona combined. She is one-fifth the size of the entire United States; has paid for herself five times over in money actually collected in Alaska and deposited in the federal treasury. Alaska was purchased from Russia for \$7,200,000, less than two cents an acre, and has produced in gold and silver alone more than 25 times what she cost—the cheapest bargain in land in the annals of time. According to the geological reports, Alaska has a known coal-bearing area larger than all the rest of the coal-bearing area in the United States. Alaska has the greatest cattle and sheep ranges now in the north, and agricultural possibilities beyond the imagination of the finite mind—a mighty empire that welcomes heroic men.

What does Alaska want? Alaska demands home rule—the right of her people to govern themselves—an inherent American right that congress has never denied to any of our people in any part of our domain in all our past, and which we should no longer deny to the heroic men who have gone to the northland and made their homes in Alaska. The Alaskans want territorial government. They want the right that every other territory in the Union had—the right to make their own local laws, to levy their own local taxes, to regulate their own internal affairs and to spend the money gathered by the tax collector for their own use, for their own schools, for their own charitable institutions, for their own municipal affairs, for their own trails and dirt roads, and for their own peace and happiness. This is not asking too much, in my opinion. It is a fundamental right. It seems to me it is only fair and just and proper. Alaska has a population at the present time of upward of 60,000 bona fide citizens. It is true they are scattered over a vast territory, but it is also true that they are an honest, brave, sober, manly, God-fearing people who are our kin, and who ought to be treated as American citizens.

Here is the map of Alaska. Look at it. Study it. If you take this map in actual area and put it on the map of the United States proper, one part of Alaska will be in the Atlantic ocean opposite Charleston; another part of Alaska will be in the Gulf of Mexico south of New Orleans; and another part of Alaska will be in Canada north of the Great Lakes. As a general proposition people have no conception concerning the vastness of this territory, and there has been dissemination throughout this country for several years past more misinformation regarding Alaska and her resources and her people than about any other matter of public moment in the recent history of our country.

Let us examine this map. This part of Alaska (indicating) is called southeastern Alaska, this part of Alaska (indicating) is called southwestern Alaska. These divisions marked on this map are the natural divisions of Alaska. Nature made them. Congress can not change them. In a straight line from Cape Chacon in southeastern Alaska to Point Barrow in northern Alaska is about 3,000 miles. In a straight line from Cuba to Greenland is less than 3,000 miles, and there is nearly as much difference in the climatic conditions in Alaska on the Pacific coast as there is between Cuba and Greenland on the Atlantic coast. The climate of our Atlantic coast is governed to

some extent by the Gulf Stream. The climate on the Alaskan coast is governed almost entirely by the wonderful Japan Current, and the Japan Current is much greater than the Gulf Stream. Southeastern Alaska has a mild climate. The mean temperature at Sitka is the same as the mean temperature at Charleston, S. C. Southeastern Alaska has a climate similar to the climate of southern Canada. North of the Yukon river to the Arctic ocean Alaska has a cold climate. Southeastern Alaska is composed largely of beautiful islands, it is a mineral and a fishing country, rich now and destined to become more so. Some of these islands in southeastern Alaska are very heavily timbered with pine, spruce, hemlock and red and yellow cedar.

The timber resources of these islands in southeastern Alaska are invaluable, and thus far they have never known the sound of the woodman's axe. They are virgin forests. The fishing industries in southeastern Alaska are becoming the greatest in the world. According to the government report, there are over 30 different kinds of food-fishes, and only last summer the United States Fish commission boat, the Albatross, found the habitat of these fish on the great banks off the coast of Alaska—the home of the salmon and the halibut and the herring and the mackerel. This part of Alaska will furnish for years and years to come enough food fish to supply the wants of the people of the United States. Southeastern Alaska will never be an agricultural country, because it is too mountainous. It has no valleys and no rivers, but it has an ideal climate, and it is going to be the sportsman's and the poor man's and the sick man's paradise. It is a saying up there, "That when the tide is out the table is set," because no poor man need go hungry in southeastern Alaska unless he wants to do so. He can live on the products of the sea.

Southwestern Alaska, from the international boundary line to the Aleutian islands, is a wonderful country and quite different from southeastern Alaska. This part of Alaska is rich in mineral wealth; wonderful in its possibilities for cattle and agriculture; and part of it is well timbered and exceedingly fertile. There are great valleys in this part of Alaska—the Copper River valley, the Sustina valley, the Yena valley, the Tanana valley and the valley of the Kuskokwim—all awaiting development. It is estimated that in this section of Alaska there is at least half as much coal as there is in all the rest of the United States, and within its confines are the greatest cattle and sheep ranges under the American flag. Here is the land for the immigrant. Here is the place for the home seeker. In these valleys are vast stretches of arable lands much greater in area than some of the states of the union; and this part of Alaska alone, it is said by those who are competent to testify and who have made a thorough investigation, can support a people larger than the population of Norway and Sweden and Finland and Denmark combined.

Look again on the map. On the hills here (indicating on map) are great cattle ranges, and here in abundance grows what is called buffalo grass—grass that stands five or six feet high, rich with good saccharine matter; and the cattle graze out here all the year long without any protection from the weather. It is a superior country for cattle grazing to

## LEGAL NOTICES

PROBATE AND GUARDIANSHIP NOTICE.

Consult County Clerk or the Respective Signers for further information

In the District Court, Probate Division in and for Cache County, State of Utah.

In the District Court of the First Judicial District of the State of Utah in and for the County of Cache.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the Estate of Thomas Eggertz, Deceased.

Creditors will present claims with vouchers to the undersigned at his office at Logan Utah, on or before

the 25th day of July, A. D. 1912.  
Date of First publication March 23rd, A. D. 1912.

WILLIAM BRANCHAM  
Executor.

LAW & HARRIS  
Attorneys.  
NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

In the matter of the estate of Esther L. Checketts, Deceased.

The undersigned will sell at private sale, the following described real estate, to wit:

An undivided one-third interest in and to the south half of lot fourteen (14) and the east half of the west half of lot ten (10) Block sixteen (16) Millville Farm Survey, on or after April 20th, 1912.

And written bids will be received by the undersigned at his residence at Wellsville, Utah, or at the office of J. C. Walters, Attorney, Logan, Utah. Terms of sale, ten per cent, with bid, balance on confirmation of sale by the court.

Dated April 6th, 1912.

JAMES ALLEN LEISHMAN,  
Administrator.  
J. C. WALTERS,  
Attorney.

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CACHE, AND STATE OF UTAH.

Western Loan & Savings Company, a corporation, Plaintiff, vs. William McMahon and Anna R. McMahon, defendants.

To be sold at Sheriff's sale on the 27th day of April, 1912, at 12:00 o'clock noon of said day, at the front door of the Court House in Logan City, Utah, the following described real estate:

Beginning at the northeast corner of lot 6, Block 38, Plat "A" Logan City Survey, Cache County, Utah, thence south 4 1-2 rods; thence west 12 rods; thence south 4 1-2 rods; thence west 6 rods; thence north 9 rods; thence east 18 rods to the place of beginning.

Dated, April 4th, 1912.

N. W. CROOKSTON,  
Sheriff.

J. C. WALTERS,  
Attorney.

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### SUMMONS

IN THE JUSTICE'S COURT, IN and for the Logan Precinct, County of Cache, State of Utah, before William Brancham, Justice of the Peace, W. M. Christensen, Plaintiff, vs. Robert Shaw, Defendant. Summons.—The State of Utah to the Defendant: You are hereby summoned to appear before the above entitled court within ten days after the service of this summons upon you, if served within the county in which this action is brought, otherwise, within twenty days after this service, and defend the above entitled action; brought against you to recover the sum of \$50.00, for moneys had and received; for the sum of \$82.00 for services rendered; for the further sum of \$50.00 for moneys had and received; for the further sum of \$82.00 for services rendered; and for the further sum of \$10.00 for moneys had and received, and for costs of suit. And in case of failure to do so, judgement will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint.

WM. BRANCHAM,  
Justice of the Peace.

LAW & HARRIS,  
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

### Political Jokers.

"What is the difference," asked Mr. Bones, "between a statesman and a boss?" "A statesman," replied Mr. Tambo, "puts himself in the hands of his friends, but the boss devotes himself to seeing what he can get his own hands on."

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